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Executive Committee Holds Called Meeting

Due to several important matters that were pending, the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board held a called meeting at the Baptist Building on December 19, with the following present: the secretary, Chester L. Quarles, Dr. W. Landon Miller, Reverend G. O. Parker, Dr. John E. Barnes, Dr. John W. Landrum, Reverend C. W. Thompson, Reverend W. L. Meadows, Marion W. Perry, Reverend M. D. Morton. The only absentee was K. R. Cofer, of Water Valley, who was absent due to illness.

Officers elected for 1951 were Rev. G. O. Parker, chairman; Dr. John E. Barnes, vice-chairman; and Dr. John W. Landrum, secretary.

Sand Hill Church in Jones County was given emergency aid of \$250 because of the recent destruction of their building by fire. It was also voted that the Executive Secretary be given authority to act with regard to Cooperative Mission work with the Home Mission Board in one of more areas with no financial obligations to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The Board also voted to accept the resignation of Rev. J. B. Parker as Field Worker charged with Institutional Visitation. The resignation becomes effective January 15.

Other actions of the Committee included instructions to Secretary Quarles to consider revision of church building aid and pastoral aid applications. A personnel committee composed of Dr. W. Landon Miller, Dr. John E. Barnes, and Rev. W. L. Meadows was named. Also named was the Policy Committee composed of Rev. W. L. Meadows, Rev. (Continued on Page Two)

CONFERENCE SPEAKER



DR. MERRILL D. MOORE

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promotion of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will attend the first five of the Leadership Conference, which are to be held Jan. 8-12.

1950 In Religion

For God and Country

By DR. DUKE K. McCALL
Executive Secretary
Southern Baptist Convention
Executive Committee

The Baptist chaplains I met overseas were both ministers and missionaries. Chaplain Ivan F. Bennett spent our luncheon hour in Tokyo telling of his work in getting millions of Bibles shipped into Korea. He had just come from a conference in which he was helping prepare a hymnbook with the words in English on one side and in Korean on the other side.

I was told by another chaplain that when Baptist Chaplain Roy H. Parker became United States Army Chief of Chaplains, General MacArthur personally requested that Chaplain Bennett replace him as Chief of Chaplains in the

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By WINFRED E. GARRISON
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Important movements toward Protestant unity, a Roman Catholic Holy Year of pilgrimage to Rome culminating in the promulgation of a new dogma, and a widened interest in the progress of the Jewish State of Israel have been highlights of the past year in religion.

As usual, it can be reported that the churches in America have gained in membership. This is true not only of the churches collectively but of all the larger ones individually. Religious statistics lag by nearly a year. The latest compilation, at mid-year, shows for the preceding twelve months a Protestant gain of 2.9 per cent and a Roman Catholic gain of about 2 per cent in numbers.

The Southern Baptists have had a greater increase than any other large denomination.

Considerably more than 50 per cent of all the people in the United States (infants included) are members of churches, though most Protestants do not count infants among their members. By contrast, the corresponding figure in England is about 17 per cent.

The American free-church system apparently does not spell the death of religion, as is feared by some. On the contrary, it may be one reason why the churches grow. Another reason is their policy of vigorous evangelism. The churches which have the most definite and energetic programs for getting new members are the ones that get them.

Many denominations have continued the special evangelistic programs which were aspects of their postwar campaigns and crusades. The most conspicuous individual figure as an independent evangelist has been that of Billy Graham, young (31) and debonair, whose campaigns have extended from Boston to Los Angeles and who packed the Pasadena Rose Bowl like a New Year's Day football game.

Other than statistical evidences of the increased vitality of the churches, such expert and unbiased observers as the Associated Press managing editors agreed that they saw a growing interest in religion. One sign of it is the establishment of new departments of religion, or the enlargement of old ones, in many colleges and universities.

The American churches in both North and South, more liberal on the race question than the total communities in which they exist, are moving toward non-discrimination. At the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern), there was no segregation; Negroes are admitted to the graduate seminaries of this Church. No racial discrimination was seen at the Congress of the Baptist World Alliance. There are constant reports of new interracial churches, especially in California but not only there, including Orientals,

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Home Board Seeks Increase Expanding Western Missions

The Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board is calling for a 40 per cent increase in funds from the Cooperative Program to assist in financing its Five-Year Crusade for "evangelism, church extension and effective witnessing."

Meeting in annual session in Atlanta last week, the Board adopted a resolution asking the Convention's Executive Committee to recommend to the next Convention that it receive \$1,000,000 for

operating expenses in 1952 from the Cooperative Program. This would compare with \$660,000 under the current division of funds.

Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary, in presenting the resolution said Cooperative Program allocations had been "drastically reduced in recent years."

Crusade Financing

Earlier, he had pointed to a need of \$4,000,000 for capital expenses during the five-year crusade, an annual operating budget of \$2,000,000 with 1,025 missionaries.

The Board adopted a budget of \$1,450,000 for next year, an increase of \$70,000 over the current year.

The greatest increase was in designations for mission work in the West. The budget for that area was raised from \$87,800 to \$145,000, indicative of the swing of emphasis toward the Western states of New Mexico, Arizona, California, Kansas, Washington and Oregon.

Evangelistic Crusade

Dr. C. E. Matthews, reported to the Board that final reports for the year would show that Southern Baptist churches baptized approximately 400,000, compared with the previous peak of 334,862; part of the increase was due to the Simultaneous Crusade.

Personnel Changes

Announcement was made of the retirement of Dr. J. B. Rounds, superintendent of Indian work since April, 1943. Dr. Rounds has been working with the Indians for 49 years and is the author of several books on his work. His headquarters are in Oklahoma City. No one was elected to succeed him.

Rev. John W. Wells, state superintendent

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Launch Postcard Campaign Against Vatican Envoy

A United States postcard campaign gaining momentum throughout the United States shows that regardless of denominational differences American Protestants are united on one question: there must be no U. S. Ambassador to the Pope!

It is an ordinary government postal card. On the back is a message headed "Bust that Balloon!" illustrated by a cartoon of an American eagle angrily pricking a soaring balloon. The message urges the reader to write President Truman and both Senators that the Vatican appointment must not go through. A chain effect is created by a paragraph at the bottom inviting the reader to send for more cards like it for mailing to friends, urging them to take the same action.

Here is the complete message:

"BUST THAT BALLOON!"

A few months ago, Pres. Truman announced he was considering appointing a full-time Ambassador to the Vatican. This was a "trial balloon." If you value American liberty,

if you think democracy worth keeping, write (1) Pres. Truman, (2) Both your Senators that there must be no U. S. Ambassador to the Pope!

TELL OTHERS TOO: Send one dollar for thirty-five of these postcards. Mail them to friends. Send to Protestants and Other Americans United For Separation of Church and State, 1633 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

The card, sponsored by Protestants and other Americans United, was printed a short time after Pres. Truman announced that the Administration was studying whether to appoint a full-fledged Ambassador to the Vatican. Informed quarters considered this a "trial balloon" to feel out public sentiment in America.

Considerable pressure from Roman Catholic circles has been brought to bear on the Administration to fill the vacancy created when Myron Taylor, appointed

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Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists--Send Them The Baptist Record

1950 In Religion

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Mexicans, Negroes and Caucasians in their membership.

The list of Protestant movements for union and cooperation should be headed by the National Council of Churches, a merger of eight interdenominational agencies including the Federal Council of Churches, and the International Council of Religious Education.

Plans for union between some pairs of denominations have received setbacks. The adverse decisions of Supreme Court Justice Steinbrink of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Jan. 26, blocked union between the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church, after both bodies had voted for it. A proposed merger of the (Dutch) Reformed Church in America with the United Presbyterian Church failed to receive the necessary degree of approval from either.

Interchanges between Northern Baptists and Disciples of Christ continue, but the movement toward union seemed slowed. Baptists appear to be consolidating their denominational position. The Northern Baptist Convention changed its name to the American Baptist Convention.

Church-State relations have had much attention. This is the core of that "sharpening of debate" between Protestants and Roman Catholics which has been noted by some secular editors. The bill for federal aid to schools was—except for a belated minor compromise bill passed in September—deadlocked by the hot debate over public money for church schools.

Mr. Myron Taylor's resignation on Jan. 18 as the President's "personal representative" at the Vatican, with the rank of ambassador, changed the long debate into a discussion of the propriety of the suggested establishment of formal diplomatic relations with the head of a State WHICH HAS ONLY ECCLESIASTICAL SIGNIFICANCE. Most Protestants are strongly opposed to such action.

It has been, and still is, a hard period for foreign missions. The fate of Christianity in Asia is involved in Asia's revolutions. Some missionaries have remained in China and have given brave reports of their work under Communist rule. But a change has come rapidly.

The pressure now is more anti-foreign than anti-Christian. An October manifesto signed by more than 1,500 Chinese Christian leaders (under pressure?) urged all Christians to support the Communist regime and to be alert "against U. S. imperialists' intrigues to rear a reactionary power in China through the medium of religion," and exhorted native churches to cut the tie with "foreign capitalism."

The dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, proclaimed on November 1, was the first doctrine to be formally defined since the dogma of Papal infallibility was proclaimed by the Vatican Council in 1870.

Proclaimed as a period of special penance and prayer, the Holy Year saw the Catholic Church facing intensified persecution in the Iron Curtain countries of Europe, especially in Czechoslovakia where mass trials took place of high-ranking Catholic clergymen accused of treason and espionage in collusion with the Vatican.

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PROF. TROY MOHON, DEAN OF Clarke College attended a meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which was held in Richmond, Virginia.



W. D. LOFTON

Shown above is W. D. Lofton of Brookhaven, who has been elected president of the board of trustees of Mississippi College. He succeeds Dr. W. A. Sullivan of Natchez, retired. Mrs. Will M. Whittington of Greenwood succeeds Dr. W. E. Green, of Prentiss, also retired, as secretary.

Launch Postcard Campaign

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by Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt as "personal representative" to the Vatican, resigned. Roman Catholics are not only lobbying to have this post filled again; they want the incumbent raised to full Ambassador status.

The postcard is creating a flood of letters showing Pres. Truman and Senators not only that American Protestants and other non-Catholics are opposed to this appointment but that they are learning how to exercise their rights as citizens and give voice to their opinions in the face of well organized pressure groups. Readers can send out their own cards to fellow citizens by sending one dollar for thirty-five stamped and printed postcards to Protestants and Other Americans United, at 1633 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

For God and Country

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Pacific Theatre. There are big jobs for big men in the Chaplain's Corps.

In Tokyo I preached at the Grant Heights Chapel for Major A. J. Turner. He has planted his Baptist conviction and his Texas aggressiveness right in the middle of Japan. He serves all denominations, but never at the cost or compromise of his faith. Rather he makes those who disagree with Baptist beliefs respect his faith. There were 600 in Sunday School. The evangelistic opportunities camp on the doorstep of an evangelistic chaplain.

At Kelley Field in the Philippines, I had lunch with Chaplain Warren Ferguson (Major and Mississippian) and Ralph Hill (Lt. Col.). They agreed that the one thing which provoked them was for a fellow preacher to ask, "Why are you still in the Chaplaincy?" Chaplain Ferguson said that he could only answer, "I am in the Chaplaincy for the same reason you are a pastor of a church—God called me to this place of service."

The safety of America in the immediate future is in the hands of our armed forces. The salvation of many of these young men is in the hands of our chaplains. God did not overlook the servicemen when he called their classmates into the ministry.

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CLIMAX OF THE YEAR FOR CATHOLICS was the proclamation of the "Dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" by Pope Pius XII. Catholics must now accept as truth the dogma that the mother of Jesus was taken bodily into heaven.

Home Board Seeks Increase

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ent of rural work for Alabama, was elected field secretary in the department of Cooperative Missions.

The resignation of Rev. J. Perry Carter, a field secretary in the city missions department, was accepted. He is to become pastor of the Flagler Street Church in Miami.

Dr. Redford, in presenting the Five-Year Crusade, said that Southern Baptists have "grown almost three times as rapidly as the population, with two-thirds of the Baptists of the world living in our Convention territory."

Southern Baptist home mission goals for the years 1950-55 include doubling the number of churches in outposts, adding 180 mission stations in language fields in the United States, and enrolling a total of 5,000,000 in mission schools.

It was reported that the board currently has 775 missionaries and 281 part-time workers on its rolls.

Cooperative Work

Dr. S. F. Dowis, representing the cooperative missions department, said that the rural church program is "taking hold rapidly through the entire South," and that a total of 110 mission stations and 69 churches were established in Western states last year.

Guy Bellamy, reporting on the board's Negro work, said that the best way to help the Negroes is to help train their leaders, who can do far more with their own people than we can do ourselves.

The chaplains commission informed the board that 259 Southern Baptist clergymen are serving as military chaplains in the Pacific theatre, Europe, the Caribbean, Alaska, and the United States.

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MISSISSIPPI GAVE A TOTAL OF \$45,550 to Southwide causes during November, according to the report of Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. \$42,143 of this amount was given through the Cooperative Program, and \$3,407 was for designated items.

Executive Committee

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M. D. Morton, and Dr. John W. Landrum. The Committee voted not to hold the regular January meeting.

Building aid grants were made for the following churches: Calvary (Bollivar), Rocky Branch (Calhoun), Mt. Moriah (Choctaw), Rolling Creek (Clarke), Calvary (Covington), Louise, First (Deer Creek), Silver City (Deer Creek), Unity (Greene), East Side (Gulf Coast), Midway (Hinds), West View (Hinds), Evergreen (Itawamba), Trinity (Itawamba), Bellfountain (Jackson), Lake Como (Jasper), Fellowship (Jones), Wildwood (Jones), North Oxford (Lafayette), Greenville (Lamar), Mount Vernon (Lauderdale), Big Level (Lebanon), Macedonia (Lee), Lowland (Leflore), Southside (Lowndes), Eskridge (Montgomery), Laurel Hill (Neshoba), Beat Line (Newton), Center Ridge (Newton), New Ireland (Newton), Pine Grove (Newton), Sulphur Springs (Newton), Deerbrook (Noxubee), Crenshaw (Panola), The West Union (Pearl River), Calvary (Perry), Greenwood (Pike), North McComb (Pike), Caro (Pontotoc), Furs (Pontotoc), Wallfield (Pontotoc), Thrasher (Prentiss), Pearson (Rankin), Pleasant Ridge (Scott), Valley Park (Sharkey-Issaquena), Calvary (Simpson), Everett (Simpson), Goshen (Simpson), Ebenezer (Tate), Cranfield (Union), Springfield Chapel (Union), Washington (Union), Harmony (Winston), Indian Springs Mission (Winston), Macedonia (Winston), Murphy Creek (Winston), Oak Grove (Winston), Anding (Yazoo), Double Springs (Zion).

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THE CHALYBEATE CHURCH promoted a Tithing Enlistment Campaign in December. Preparation was made by a series of sermons on that subject. Visitation teams were trained. They used the "Turn-over" charts in the enlistment. A large number were enlisted during the campaign. Rev. Clarence Palmer is the pastor.

TAKE THIS FORWARD STEP IN YOUR CHURCH NOW

MORE THAN 900 CHURCHES NOW HAVE THE EVERY FAMILY PLAN OF THE BAPTIST RECORD.

50 OTHER CHURCHES WANTED ON THIS LIST AT ONCE.

THIS IS ESSENTIAL

The Baptist Record will help the pastor and the church. Inform the people and most of them will respond. The lay leadership—deacons, Sunday school officers and others—need information about Baptist Kingdom affairs. The Baptist Record will provide information.

THE COST IS SMALL

The cost of the Baptist Records is 8 1-3 cents a month which means that ten copies of the paper would cost only 83 cents a month.

Statements are sent out monthly to the treasurer of the church or Sunday school, as the case may be, and may be paid monthly or quarterly. Individual subscribers pay \$1.50. Adopt the budget plan, the cheap rate, which is the only way to get the paper to the people.

WHAT THE PLAN IS

The plan is to send the Baptist Record either by the church or Sunday school, to all the resident families of the church. The paper will cause those who read it to pay back into the church far more than it costs the church. This has proved itself true time and again.

HOW TO GET THE PLAN ADOPTED

Let the church or Sunday school vote to send the paper to the resident families. Mail this list to the Baptist Record, Jackson. That's all the address needed) and the papers will be mailed directly to each home.

LET THE PASTOR OR SUPERINTENDENT, OR BOTH WORKING TOGETHER, TAKE THIS MATTER UP IN THE CHURCH, EXPLAIN THE PLAN TO THE PEOPLE AND THEY WILL ADOPT THE PLAN AND LIKE IT.

(Signed) CHESTER QUARLES, Executive Secretary.

What About Those Leadership Conferences Thompson Accepts Spring Creek Church

By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary

For several weeks now, our readers have been seeing advertisements in the Baptist Record of the Leadership Conferences and Laymen's Rallies to be held in our state during the month of January, beginning January 8 and continuing through January 26 (Saturday and Sunday omitted, of course).

This type of meeting has met with great success in a number of our states. Baptists in Georgia for a number of years have had such meetings, and the leadership of that state among Baptists say that the meetings are very helpful. For the past five years, in the State of Florida, Dr. John Maguire, Executive Secretary, has conducted such meetings. Dr. Maguire said that these meetings have been a great help to the leadership of his state in getting the mission message to all of the churches. During this past convention year, every Baptist church in the State of Florida made a contribution to the world-wide mission cause.

Laymen's Rally

Each evening, beginning promptly at 7:30, there will be a great rally for laymen. It is hoped that many business men who could not come to the meeting for the full day will take advantage of the opportunity to come for the night meeting. A challenging program is being planned under the direction of Mr. W. R. Roberts, State Brotherhood Secretary.

Theme of the Meetings

The general theme of the Leadership Conference and the Laymen's Rally is "My Church". During the day we are going to be thinking in terms of my church in world missions, my church in action (and we will have at this time a study of a church program of activities), my church in stewardship, my church in evangelism, and the laymen's place in the full church life.

Personalities

At another place in this edition of the Baptist Record will be found a full list of the program personalities, south-wide leaders are included. State leaders from other states will appear on the program. Outstanding pastors and leaders of Mississippi Baptist life will be called upon to make their contributions to these great one-day meetings.

Preparation for the Meetings

From the Jackson office, posters have been mailed and programs have been mailed to certain leaders of our state work, including pastors, church treasurers, church clerks, W.M.U. presidents, Sunday School superintendents, Training Union directors, Brotherhood presidents, and others. The associational missionaries have been sent the advertising materials, as well. We are taking the Home Mission Board slogan for our directive in this matter "Trust the Lord and Tell the People." We are hopeful that a great host of Baptists will attend every meeting.

Local Preparation

The pastors and leaders of the host churches are really preparing for our coming. One of our meetings is to be held in the Friendship Baptist Church, McComb, Mississippi, of which Brother Troy Prince is the pastor. The bulletin of that church of December 17 carries the following splendid statement:

"Leadership Conference and Laymen's Rally: Our church will be host of District 15 Leadership Conference and Laymen's Rally to be held January 11, 1951. This is a signal honor coming to our church and we want to make adequate

preparation for the event. The purpose of the meeting is to give inspiration and information to the elected church officers in the churches of our state.

The following committees are asked to serve as we prepare for the occasion: Menu Committee (the pastor has named eleven ladies on this committee), Registration Committee (three ladies have been named on this committee), Poster Committee (one named on this committee), Welcome Committee (eight men named on this committee), Nursery Committee (two ladies named on this one), Home Committee (three ladies named on this one), Decoration Committee (three ladies mentioned for this committee), Hospitality Committee (three men and one lady mentioned for this committee), Table and Chair Committee (eleven men named on this committee).

An announcement as to the time and place of meetings of these committees will be made later."

NOTE: With such preparations being made in this local church, there is no doubt in our mind that the Leadership Conference and Laymen's Rally will be well taken care of, and every convenience will be provided for us. How grateful we are for the wonderful leadership of this pastor and his devoted people in this particular phase of our state work.

Who is Supposed to Come?

By all means, we want every interested Baptist who would desire to attend the great meeting of this sort to come. We are especially interested in the attendance of every pastor, Sunday School superintendent, Training Union director, W. M. U. president, Brotherhood president, associate pastor, educational director, educational secretary, church secretary, church clerk, church treasurer, chairman of finance committee, associational missionaries, associational workers in Sunday School, Training Union, WMU, and Brotherhood. In fact, we want everyone in our churches who has some definite place of responsibility in our work to attend this Leadership Conference and Laymen's Rally.

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Mrs. L. T. Lowrey Dies

BLUE MOUNTAIN.—Mrs. Lawrence T. Lowrey, wife of the president of Blue Mountain College died Dec. 23 in the Baptist Memorial hospital at Memphis. She had been in ill health for a year or two, but was about as well as usual just before death.

She was carried to the Memphis hospital early Saturday morning. She suffered convulsions followed by a heart attack while under an oxygen tent.

Funeral services were held in Lowrey Memorial church in Blue Mountain, Sunday at 3 p. m. with Dr. Robert Woody, pastor officiating. He was assisted by Dr. Harry Leland Martin, Sr., a brother-in-law of Mrs. Lowrey,—from Senatobia.

Mrs. Lowrey was a daughter of the late General S. L. Cockroft and Lula McCorkle Cockroft of Dyersburg, Tenn. Her family moved to Blue Mountain in her early teens where she graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1906. She did graduate study in speech at other institutions and later taught speech at a college in Kentucky; at Women's College in Hattiesburg and also at Blue Mountain College.

Mrs. Lowrey, who was born—Elizabeth Veeve Cockroft, married Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey in June, 1919. They have one son, an overseas veteran, Bob



REV. ROBERT G. THOMPSON

Rev. Robert G. Thompson has accepted the pastorate of the Spring Creek Church in Neshoba County, one of the outstanding rural churches in the state.

Lowrey, who owns and operates a drive-in theatre in Jonesboro, Ark., and one daughter, Miss Jean Lowrey, head of the speech department in Blue Mountain College.

Mrs. Lowrey served as president of the W.M.S. and for three years was state president of the Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers. She was prominent in social, religious, intellectual and club activities in Mississippi and Tennessee.

She is survived by two brothers, Dr. W. B. Cockroft, a Memphis dentist and Lon Cockroft, automobile dealer of Memphis; two sisters, Mrs. Harry Leland Martin, Sr., of Senatobia and Mrs. Maurine Rice, Blue Mountain.

He began his work in December. He succeeds Rev. Ivor Clark, who resigned in order to join the Armed Service of a chaplain.

Born in Sheffield, Alabama, Mr. Thompson was reared in Booneville. He is a graduate of Howard College and received the B.D. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1950. He served in the Navy for 33 months.

Mrs. Thompson, also a graduate of Howard College and of the WMU Training School, was the former Nellie Mayes Dykes of Oneonta, Alabama.

Mr. Thompson is the son of Rev. J. D. Thompson, for several years pastor at Booneville and now Associational missionary in Prentiss county.

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Hewitt Receives Car On 33rd Anniversary

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hewitt presented them a new car last Sunday, on the occasion of their 33rd anniversary of affiliation with the First Church, Jackson. Dr. Hewitt served as pastor for 28 years and has for five years served as pastor-emeritus.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, present pastor, called the couple to the platform at the close of the service and gave them the letter entitling them to the delivery of a DeSoto sedan during the coming week.

Winton Williams, the DeSoto-Plymouth dealer in McComb where the car was purchased made a substantial contribution toward the gift. Mrs. Williams is a niece of Mrs. Hewitt.

ATTEND Leadership Conference and Laymen's Rally

First Week

January 8	Richton
9	Gulfport, First
10	Columbia, First
11	Friendship, McComb
12	Van Winkle, Jackson

EVANGELISM

STEWARDSHIP

Second Week

January 15	Raleigh
16	New Hope (Lauderdale)
17	Louisville, First
18	Durant
19	Indianola

CHURCH IN ACTION

WORLD MISSIONS

Third Week

January 22	Grenada, First
23	Batesville
24	Baldwyn
25	New Albany, First
26	Aberdeen

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Every Elected Church Officer and Worker
Every Elected Associational Worker
Every Interested Baptist

— Lunch Served By Host Church —

MORNING: 9:45 A. M.

EVENING: 7:30 P. M.

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Our Thanks

We are grateful for the large number of friends who sent Christmas greetings. It is impossible to acknowledge all of them. We are asking all to accept these words of our thanks with the wish that 1951 may be the most prosperous year you have ever known both spiritually and materially.

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Why During Lent Only?

Religious News Service reports that Archbishop Karl J. Alter of the Roman Catholic Arch Diocese of Cincinnati has notified all clergy of his jurisdiction that there is to be no sponsoring of bingo games in the area during Lent.

WHY DURING LENT? Gambling is wrong anytime. And we doubt if God blesses any work done with money made by church gambling. God has another plan for financing his work. It is tithes and offerings. Certainly the world cannot look with favor upon any church affair which depends for its support upon gambling.

We suggest that the Arch Bishop prohibit church gambling ALL the time, not just during Lent.

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Leadership Meetings

Secretary Quarles, ably assisted by W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood Secretary, and Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Secretary of Rural Evangelism, has planned a series of 15 leadership conferences to be held throughout Mississippi, January 8-26.

The personnel on this program represents a cross-section of our pastors throughout the state and, in addition, five prominent Southern Baptist leaders. They are: Dr. S. F. Dowis, Dr. Clifford Walker,

The Work of My Church Includes...



Winning—Our big job is to win others to Christ. Soul-winning is the work of every Christian.



Baptizing—A believer in Christ, wanting to be with other believers, joins the church for baptism.



Teaching—A New Testament church teaches its members to observe all the things Christ commanded.

Rev. Sam Scantlan, Dr. Merrill D. Moore and George Schroeder.

Turn to previous issues of the Baptist Record and study the program as there presented. You will realize that this is to be a conference of inspiration, information and challenge, intended to arouse the Baptists of Mississippi in preparation for greater accomplishments.

Secretary Quarles is urging that leaders and others from every church in the state be represented in these meetings. We suggest that those who do not or cannot come, pray for the conference and the things our Secretary hopes to accomplish.

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Some Goals For 1951

As we enter 1951 there is (and should be) a spirit of solemnity, comparable to the calm following the storm.

The world is in a mess. We have been hearing much of prayer and prayer meetings during the past few weeks. If we had been doing more praying months and years back and backed up our prayers with deeds perhaps things would be different. We also note that in these requests for prayer and prayer meetings, there has been very little of repentance. We have seen little of real repentance. All of us need to repent, as well as to ask God to help us out while we are in a close place.

The past year was fruitful in achievements, but we have not come near our maximum possibilities for God.

Let Mississippi Baptists individually, as churches, as associations, make the year 1951 the most significant and glorious year in Mississippi Baptist history. We are judged by the conduct of all, and not by the faithful and consecrated ones only. No chain is stronger than its weakest link. Let us put ourselves to the task of making 1951 the greatest year of our lives and in the life of our denomination.

As we face the new year let us take stock as Baptists. That is what the wise businessman does. He takes inventory.

1. Mississippi Baptists are great

in numerical strength. Approximately one-half of the church members of Mississippi are Baptists.

2. Mississippi Baptists have a great God

3. Mississippi Baptists are great in the number of churches.

4. Mississippi Baptists have a great group of preachers.

5. Mississippi Baptists have the cash. In fact, many of them have cash that belongs to God, for he commands us to pay the tithe. If we are not paying the tenth, we are keeping some that does not belong to us.

6. Mississippi Baptists have a great message. We do not have to apologize for what the Bible says nor try to add to or take from.

Space does not permit mentioning many other resources.

We list below some resolutions that should challenge all blood-bought, Christ-loving and God-serving Baptists.

1. Major on God's Word. If we would read more of God's Word and less of worldly literature, we would be better off. Certainly we would be better fed from a spiritual standpoint.

2. Be faithful to your church. The church is the bride of Christ and as such demands and needs our fullest loyalty.

3. Learn why we are Baptists. There are many books that will give you this information and the New Testament is one of them.

4. Have a family altar.

5. Start tithing now, if you have not already begun.

6. Try to win an unsaved person. If each Baptist would win just one, just one, during 1951 it would be the greatest year in the history of Baptists.

7. Try to make the world a better place because you have lived in it.

8. Try looking for the good points of others and overlooking their faults. Remember that no person is perfect. And also remember that if other folks do make mistakes, we sometimes do likewise.

May 1951 bring more glory to our God and more good to our readers than ever before.

Not Scriptural

According to Religious News Service: "On Christmas day Pope Pius signed the Papal Bull through which the persons who were unable to go to Rome for the Holy Year indulgence will be able to gain it by performing specified religious acts in their own dioceses.

The news story by Religious News Service said,

"Among the conditions laid down for gaining the Jubilee indulgence were visits to four churches to be designated by the Bishops and the recitation of prayers for the Pope's intentions. It also was recommended that the faithful recite the special Holy Year prayer composed by the Pope.

"It was announced that the Jubilee Indulgence may be gained throughout the entire year of 1951—from January 1 to December 31."

None of the above is in accordance with the Scripture. Forgiveness of sin does not depend upon visits to any four churches or any one church. Nor do we find anywhere in the new Testament that sins can be paid for, forgiven, or made arrangements for before they are committed.

We also call attention to the following verse from I John, chapter I and verse 9:

"If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to forgive us from all unrighteousness."

Note there that the requirement for forgiveness is confession, not visiting four churches and that it is God, not the Pope who does the forgiving.

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Our Readers Write

Dear Brother Goodrich:

In answer to Brother L. B. Cole's article in the Baptist Record:

Read I John 3:1-10.

This date's back to October 26, 1950, in reference to his letter saying we all are sinners.

Sincerely,

Y. M. BATES

COMMENT: Space prevents comment on all verses referred to. However, we call attention to a few.

Verse six reads, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."

Keep in mind that First John was written to Christians. See I John 1:3 and 4. In the verse referred to above "Sinneth not" in the Greek is linear action and does not refer to one sin but correctly translated reads "does not keep on sinning." The same is true of "whosoever sinneth." This too is linear action in the Greek and means "whosoever keeps on sinning." It does not mean

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hat a Christian never sins but that he does not go on sinning.

The same thing is true in verse nine: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin" means "does not go on sinning."

Peter sinned on the night before the crucifixion but he didn't go on and on in that sin.

A WORTHY APPEAL

Dear Southern Baptists:

The Tabernacle Baptist Church (colored) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, burned recently. You will recall that Dr. E. W. Perry, who addressed our Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City, blessing our hearts in a blessed way, is pastor of this church. They had very little insurance. The building is a total loss.

I wonder if the churches of our Southern Baptist Convention will not deem it wise to send some money to help Dr. Perry, an outstanding Christian leader, and his church in this time of financial loss and sorrow?

Send all contributions to Tabernacle Baptist Church, 511 N. E. Third Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Yours earnestly,

ROBERT G. LEE

President, Southern Baptist Convention

Dear Editor:

I thought you might like to read the enclosed letter I had from Senator Stennis in which he states that he is opposed to an envoy to the Vatican.

Do not use my name in any way for I live in a Catholic controlled city.

In burial service one pays for every toll of the bell. A person is carried to the altar according as they have paid. Some can only get their loved one just inside the entrance door.

This Holy Year is only a big money making scheme now extended to a year more over the world. Forgiveness must be paid the priest in coins.

Never any sermons against liquor or gambling.

The Catholic Knights of Columbus have all kinds of gambling devices, all under control of their church. Bingo games weekly run high in the hundreds.

I'm glad Senator Stennis is on the watch.

Dear Brother Goodrich:

You know that colored people enjoy the Baptist Record but I must tell you about one who reads and quotes it as much, I'm sure, as any of your subscribers. Our cook, (who has been with us over 20 years) Matilda Bergman, is a fine Christian. I've often wished you could see how eager she is to read it when the Baptist Record comes. I can always expect this, "Please mam, save this for me. There sure is a lot of good reading in the Baptist Record this week." Many times she gets off with it before I read all I want to.

The issue that had Lillian Rose's picture was a special prize! Lillian had visited their church and she just had to have the picture to show the other colored people. I've had to tell her not to get the Baptist Record confused with the Bible but she says, "It's of the Bible". One Sunday we came in from church, everyone with the same story, "The preacher preached too long" — all of us in the kitchen.

Matilda started laughing. We asked, "Now what's funny?" She replied, "I was just thinking the Baptist Record said folks would sit in the rain for 3 hours at a football game and then complain if the preacher preached a little longer than usual." I hadn't read that but she said she had — and it certainly is true.

I just wanted you to know of this colored reader who really enjoys the

Sparks & Splinters

EVERGREEN CHURCH, WINSTON County, recently dedicated their new Sunday School and Training Union annex with an all-day service.

FRANK MORGAN, A STUDENT AT Clarke Memorial College, has received recognition for writing a poem that was selected by the Board of Judges of the National Poetry Association, Los Angeles, California, for publication in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry. The title of Frank's poem is "The Boy Next Door."

A "STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS" program was presented at the Newton Baptist Church December 13, by the students from Clarke College. The program was built around the theme — "Maximum Christianity Today and Tomorrow." Special music was rendered by the college chorus under the direction of Miss Edith Alexander, Associate in the Music Department. Those appearing on the program were: Leonard Wilkinson, Vice-President of the B.S.U. at Clarke; Charlie Thompson; Rev. R. A. Morris, pastor of Newton Baptist Church; Jewell Sanderson, President of the B.S.U.; Dollie Holbrook; Faye Lee; Fabia Rue Jones; Earl Greene; Mr. Theo Breland, Dean of Men at Clarke; and Mr. A. L. McGaugh, Head of Math Department.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE Baptist Building were: Rev. G. O. Parker, Carthage; Rev. William Lowrey Cooper, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Fannie Lou Ben, Mrs. Gladys Ben, Carthage; Rev. N. G. Hickman, Louisville; Rev. J. D. Walker, Normangee, Texas; Mrs. Levi Cox and Marvin Levi Cox, Blue Springs; Rev. Fred B. Bookter, McComb; Nolan Ray Shokes, Jackson; O. U. Rushing, Jackson; F. C. McKenzie, Laurel; Dorothy Griffin, Barbara Byrd, Dolores Searcy, Sybil Hester, Emmy Lou Brister, Jeanette Landquist, Jackson; Jack Ratliff, Jackson; M. L. Rodgers, Tupelo; Mrs. L. J. Smith, and Leon J. Smith, Jr., McComb; Emmett E. McCool, Rev. N. S. Jackson, Jackson; A. C. Johnson, Meridian; Rev. J. M. Metts, Winona; Wm. E. Lyles, Turrell, Arkansas; O. L. Morgan, Enterprise; Rev. Chas. G. Hamilton, Aberdeen.

THE BROTHERHOOD ASSOCIATION of Covington County met at New Hope Church in December. Rev. C. S. Moulder is pastor. Following supper at the host church, Honorable Carroll Gartin of Laurel brought the inspirational message. Representatives of the county brotherhood made reports.

"ONE OF THE FINEST THINGS that could have happened to the brewing industry was the insistence by high-ranking Army officers to make beer available at army camps. . . Here's a chance for brewers to cultivate a taste for beer in millions of young men who will eventually constitute the largest beer-consuming section of our population." — BREWERS' DIGEST, May, 1941.

A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE Lincoln County Association has been received in the office of the Baptist Record. The minutes are well prepared, with tables giving complete information concerning the work of the churches. The historical table gives information dating back to 1872. Rev. F. L. Coker is the moderator and Mrs. G. D. Williams is the clerk.

GLENFIELD CHURCH, NEW ALBANY, has gone to full-time and called Rev. W. J. Clayton as pastor.

PRICES ON BOOK PAPER JUMPED \$10 to \$20 a ton during the week, with newsprint consumption reaching 5,700,000 tons for the year, and getting hard to get.

Baptist Record.

—(Mrs.) P. T. Graham, Lorman, Miss.

THE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS

pageant, "The Nativity", was presented at the Tinsley Baptist Church on Sunday night, December 24. The cast was composed of the following: Narrator—Mrs. F. G. Walker; Angels—Frances Evelyn Walker, Marsha Kay Davenport, Sally Powell; Star of Bethlehem—Beth Hammon; Innkeepers—W. E. Jacobs, James McCoy; Joseph—Sanders Powell; Mary—Bobbie Jean Twiner; Wise Men—Joe Allen Powell, Buddy Mohon, Buddy Twiner; Shepherds—Billy Jacobs, Travis Powell, Dallas Powell, Jr. The accompanying music was furnished by a Children's Choir and a Young People's Choir.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, PIKE COUNTY, Reverend Troy M. Prince, pastor has adopted a budget for 1951 which totals \$9,441. Two thousand dollars is for missions and benevolences, \$1,085 for education, \$5,616 for operating expenses and \$740 for property upkeep. The budget also contains an item of \$20 per month for the automobile expenses of the pastor.

THE MEMBERS OF HURLEY church are greatly rejoicing over having paid off the debt on the church building. The debt was paid in December.

PRESIDENT OF THE BROTHERHOOD and deacon of Ruth Church, S. B. Mason, Sr., has received an award for Brotherhood proficiency. The letter accompanying the award stated that this was the first of its kind to be presented in this state.

EAST FORK CHURCH, AMITE COUNTY, Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, pastor, had a very inspiring watch night service. They studied a portion of "The Bible and Prayer" by Dr. Robert G. Lee, listened to the recorded sermon, "There Is A Name Above Every Name," also by Dr. Lee, and played some transcribed music, recorded by the choir at the annual revival. After refreshments at 11 p. m., they sang hymns, and saw the old year out and the new one in, with prayer by the pastor.

MEMBERS OF THE BENTONIA Church not only read the Baptist Record, but they also heed some suggestions made by the editor. They remember their pastor on special occasions. The Adult department of the Sunday School sponsored a special Christmas program Friday night, December 22. Delicious punch and cake were served in the educational annex. Soon Santa Claus arrived and completely surprised the pastor, Rev. O. O. Haley, and his family by presenting to them dozens of valuable, useful, and appropriate gifts including a nice cash offering.

YELLOW LEAF CHURCH IN LAFAYETTE County and the pastor, Rev. Earl Floyd, certainly are friends of the Baptist Record. In proof of this fact, they recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.

NEW ORLEANS — STUDENTS AND faculty of the New Orleans Seminary gave \$212.12 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Lawrence County Association which will hold its 1951 meeting at Newhebron Church. Rev. J. B. Watkins is the moderator and John W. Terry is the clerk. A complete historical record is given of the fifty years of the association's organization.

REV. O. B. ANDERSON, ASSOCIATIONAL missionary in the Gulf Coast Association, has prepared an associational calendar of events for the first quarter of 1951, and mailed it out over the association. This should be of great help in enabling the churches to know what to do and when to do it, and what is doing and when to go.

ROMAN CATHOLIC PAROCHIAL schools in the north have been asked to release 200 nuns to work in schools in the South. The northern schools will be asked to continue to take care of their expenses.

LICENSED AT WESTVIEW



REV. THOMAS A. LARRIMORE

Shown above is Thomas A. Larrimore, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Larrimore of Lucedale, who was licensed to the ministry by the Westview Church near Jackson on December 24. A senior at Mississippi College, he served as Music Director at Westview Church until his National Guard unit was called into active duty. He is now stationed in St. Louis, Missouri.

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J. B. Parker Accepts McLain Pastorate

Rev. J. B. Parker has resigned as Institutional Worker for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in order to accept the pastorate at McLain. He begins his new work January 15.

A native of North Carolina, a graduate of Union University (Tennessee) and the New Orleans Seminary, Mr. Parker was pastor for two years at Collins, two years at Ridgeley, Tennessee and 18 years at Ripley before becoming Institutional Worker for Mississippi Baptists.

Mrs. Parker is the former Lucille Magee of Collins and is an outstanding church worker.

The McLain Church has been pastorless since the resignation of Rev. J. G. Cothorn last fall. It is one of the leading churches of Greene County with a modern brick building and many consecrated Baptists.

Mr. Parker has done an outstanding work as Institutional Visitor. Day by day he has visited the sick, suffering and sorrowing, mainly in the Baptist Hospital and the V. A. Hospital. And countless are the expressions of appreciation from people concerning his work.

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BAPTISTS EVERYWHERE SHOULD rejoice in the fact that O. K. Armstrong, well-known writer for READERS' DIGEST and other national publications, has been elected to Congress from the sixth district of Missouri. We need more such Christians in Congress. Many will remember that Mr. Armstrong married Miss Marjorie Moore, formerly editor of THE COMMISSION.

THE FOLLOWING SOPHOMORE Class officers were recently elected at Clarke College: Bobby King, treasurer; Polly Thompson, secretary; Leonard Wilkinson, first vice-president; Miss Frances Browning, sponsor; Julius Thompson, president; Jane Kelly, social chairman; Sam Wolfe, second vice-president; and Fabia Rue Jones, reporter.

GEORGIA BAPTISTS HAVE ADOPTED a large budget for 1951 and elected a Mississippian, Dr. Carey T. Vinzant, pastor of the First Church, Fitzgerald, as president of the Executive Committee. The Board increased salaries of staff members by 10 per cent.

Let Us Pray

By DR. ROBERT G. LEE

President, Southern Baptist Convention
As president of our Southern Baptist Convention I, as millions of others, am interested in the importance of prayer at this time when the whole world seems to be nearer the point deterioration than at any time since the fall of the Roman Empire.

Therefore, knowing that no spiritual power is existent apart from prayer, knowing that prayer based on God's Word is our mightiest weapon to touch visible and invisible foes, having evidence centuries old that prayer is the strongest force in the universe, let Southern Baptists, during the week when many will study the book *The Bible and Prayer*, test the resources of God by entering into the positive and practical power of prayer.

Let us pray for our enemy nations, for other nations in distress, for our own nation, for moral forces everywhere.

Let prayer, private and public and persistent, to be our portion, pastime, passion, practice.

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ROOM MEMORIALIZED AT HEIDELBERG CHURCH

One room of the Heidelberg Church has been made a memorial in honor of H. M. Satcher. The cost of the construction of this classroom was paid by Mrs. Satcher in memory of her late husband.

Special services were held for this occasion in December. Mrs. Paul Morrison gave highlights of Mr. Satcher's life. E. A. Mixon gave a vivid testimony concerning the influence of Mr. Satcher on the life of the community and the church. Dr. W. E. Greene, president of Clarke College and a former pastor of the Heidelberg church, led in the dedicatory prayer. The unveiling of the bronze plaque was by a niece, Mrs. F. J. Kennedy. Prof. H. F. Holmes responded in accepting the plaque in behalf of the church and the men's class. The choir then rendered the favorite hymn of Mr. Satcher, entitled "Nothing Between." Rev. Carl Travis, a nephew, brought the message.

After the service, a bountiful dinner was served in the dining room of the church.

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Gillsburg Church Plans Christian Life Conferences

A series of conferences on "Making a Greater Christian Community" through a better understanding of world affairs, the home and personal Christianity, will be held at the Gillsburg Church, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. Don Corley.

The conferences will be held on Friday, January 5, 12:30 p. m.-1:30 p. m. At this conference Dr. H. Clayton Waddell of the New Orleans Seminary, will speak on "Christ and the World Situation."

On Saturday January 6, from 1:30 until 3 o'clock, Frank Ling of Shanghai, China, will speak on "Jesus, the Light of the World." At 7 o'clock there will be a social hour and a motion picture. On Sunday, January 7, from 1:30 until 2:30 Dr. John M. Price of the New Orleans Seminary will speak on "Love, Courtship and Marriage."

Dr. Waddell will speak at the Sunday morning worship service and Dr. Price at the Sunday evening worship service.

N. E. Pastors Submit Two Candidates For "Big Preacher" Title



At the recent meeting of the Northeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference, there was some doubt as to whether Rev. G. O. Parker is the "biggest" preacher in Mississippi. This reference to him was made at the Convention Board meeting. In support of their doubts, the Northeast Mississippi pastors submit the photograph shown above. Left to right are: Rev. Bilbo Lively and Rev. Frank Roblin. Lively weighs 294 and Roblin, 276.

The pastors, conference elected officers as follows: Rev. C. E. Patch, president; Rev. B. L. Mohon, vice-president; Rev. George Gay, secretary-treasurer.

The program committee for January, February and March is Rev. R. B. Patterson, Rev. D. L. Hill, and Rev. Glen Smith. Rev. G. L. Ford, Rev. S. E. Byler and Rev. R. H. Daniels will serve during April, May and June.

The next meeting will be held January 15 at Trinity Church, Fulton.

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River Ave. Church Has Student Program

A "Student Night at Christmas Program" was presented at the River Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, on December 17. Rev. Emmett Boone, Clarke College student preached.

Miss Margaret Haile, O. J. Lowery, Miss Martha Hollowell took part in the program, with Athens McNeil presiding. Miss Lou Ann Smith served as pianist and Misses Charlesie Austin and Martha Hollowell presented special music. Music was also furnished by the Junior and Young People's choirs.

Rev. Garland McInnis is pastor.

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The Orphanage Needs Pecans

When he was attending a recent Convention Board meeting, Rev. E. D. Estes visited the Baptist Orphanage, and left canned preserves, vegetables and ten gallons of syrup.

He calls attention to another item which is short this year and which, unless our people supply, the children at our Home will be without. That is pecans.

Mr. Estes writes: "Up until now few pecans have been received at the Baptist Orphanage this year. Heretofore, the Orphanage has received a nice supply of pecans and we hope that many will bring or send in the pecans the children can enjoy, especially at Christmas."

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Delta State BSUs continue to pray and work for a Baptist Student Center. The Frank H. Leavell Center at Ole Miss is still in the dream stage. . . During these days, Charles Wells' *Between the Lines* is very helpful in keeping one informed. . . Pastors, new students will be entering college soon for the second semester. Please send us their names and college addresses. May we suggest that every Baptist "adopt" at least one serviceman, besides those of your relatives, during the days to come. Surely they need all the spiritual help we can give them. Let us, at the same time, pray God to forgive us for not helping them more before Uncle Sam's call. . . If you, or someone you know, wants the Mississippi Miscellany, our monthly letter, just send names and correct addresses. We hope to receive many servicemen's names and addresses. . . The Southern Baptist Foundation, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville 3, Tenn., offers the opportunity to people with money to give to a Ministerial Aid Trust, the income of which will be used to aid worthy Ministerial Students. Rich man, where could you make your money count for more to the glory of Christ? . . . Surely we need to be praying, more than ever, for the Revival we need. We need to repent. We need to love and pray for our enemies. Have you prayed for Josef Stalin lately? . . .

Pastors, if you haven't yet received Student Night at Christmas materials, write at once for them to Student

Dept., Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Looks as if more of these programs will be held this year in Miss. than ever before. Please send us a copy of your program. . . Missionary Wm. Lowrey Cooper writes us from Buenos Aires that they down there want the *Mississippi Miscellany*. Our mailing list includes several missionaries. We're glad to add the ones in Argentina. Do you know of others? . . . A recent survey by the *Chicago Daily News* of five public high schools in Chicago indicated that more than half of those questioned were casual drinkers. One out of five of the teen-agers had been drunk at least once. —*The Survey Bulletin*. That doesn't happen in Miss.? How we wish it didn't. When will we wake up, as Christian church people, to our obligation of reaching our young people for Christ and His church? . . . January 7-14 will be observed by thousands of Baptist Students as Vocational Emphasis Week, with "My Vocation a Ministry from God" as its theme. . . "Satan's Bid for Youth," is the title of an excellent article by Dr. Chester E. Swor in the Jan. *Training Union Magazine*. . . "I think the Baptist College student who is deprived of belonging to BSU is missing a vital factor in his college life," writes a high school teacher. . . Perkinson Jr. BSUs took up clothes and an offering for the Orphanage for Thanksgiving. . . Blue Mtn. had 135 at a recent Greater Council social, has two unsaved students. . .

NEW FOUNDATION TRUSTEE



G. M. McWILLIAMS

G. M. McWilliams of Hattiesburg was recently elected a trustee of Mississippi Baptist Foundation by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Mr. McWilliams, a leader in both civic and church groups, is a prominent financier and bank president and is a deacon of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

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CENTREVILLE ENTERTAINS ASSOC. BTU MEET

Centreville Church was host to the Mississippi Associational Training Union on its "M" Night in December. There were 159 present, representing eleven churches.

Miss Tillie Causey, Mrs. Matt Duck and Rev. M. T. Wilson took part in the program. Rev. M. S. Riley delivered the message.

Refreshments were served by the host church.

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

Let's consider the first Christmas over 1900 years ago. Christ's birth was not heralded with a cannon blast as royalty is today, but rather by the brilliant light of a single, silent star and a chorus of heavenly voices.

Does Christmas mean getting and giving to you? God gave His Son to a lost world and later the Wise men brought gifts to Christ, but in this giving there was no exchange of presents. Giving was prompted by love and need—without expectation of comparable gifts in return.

Does Christmas mean the one time of the year that you take a drink.—Just a cup of egg nog or one highball as a toast? Is Christmas just a time of homecoming and reunion with family and friends? Christ left His Heavenly Home and Father to come to a lost world that we through faith in Him might have everlasting life.

Christmas is the best time Christians have for witnessing for Christ. By our observance of Christmas we show the world what Christ means to us. Let's make this Christmas a glowing testimony of our love and gratitude to Christ.—Joyce Miller.

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REV. AND MRS. CLARENCE PALMER of Chalybeate will teach in the Preachers' School, an extension of Clarke College which is to begin in Corinth on January 12.

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MRS. W. G. RUTLEDGE

Mrs. W. G. Rutledge, Elementary Sunday school secretary of Louisiana, will direct the Primary conferences at the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention, in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, March 13-14.

Mrs. Rutledge was formerly with the Sunday school department of the Tennessee Baptist Board, and is a very capable leader. Our Primary workers will surely want to take advantage of her splendid help during our Convention.

AND MARK THE DATE, PLEASE

Be sure to mark the date of our Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention. That is very important. We have a great program already made, with the finest of personnel. You don't want to miss it.

The time is March 13-14, and the place is the First Baptist church, Jackson. Be sure to mark this on your calendar and start planning right now to be present.

GOOD RECORD IN OCTOBER

Mississippi was in the upper brackets again by leading all the states in the total number of Standard units for the month of October, with 49.

We were third for the month in total training awards, with 2010. Only Texas and Alabama led us in this. So we led Texas in one item and Texas led us in another. That's fair enough, isn't it?

CHECK UP AND SEND IN

One quarter of the new Sunday school year is gone. Now is a good time to check on those standards and see where you stand on them.

Check up, point by point, and find the ones that are under standard. Then, go to work on those in earnest and pull them up as soon as possible, and send us the applications for recognition. It will encourage your people very much to know they are doing such good work.

Application blanks will be gladly sent on request.

MORE NEW SCHOOLS

We are always happy to learn of new Sunday schools. That means more people for Bible study.

Southern Mission has been organized in Hattiesburg, under the leadership of Rev. O. H. Petty, of Petal. It is in the northwest section of the city.

Also, a new church has been organized in Jackson under the sponsorship of the Van Winkle Baptist church, Rev. H. A. Milner, pastor. That will mean another

good Sunday school for more Bible study to more people.

If we want to reach the people, go where they are.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we come to a new year on the calendar, we want to wish each and all a very, very happy New Year.

May it bring many rich blessings to all.

The world is certainly in terrible straits at this time, and only God can get us out of it. May it be His will so to do.

He always leads aright, and if we are only willing to follow, we may be sure that both the direction and the distance we go under His leadership will be right.

And so, again we say, Happy New Year!

WE PRESENT THE LEADERS

We are happy to present the leaders in our training program for the first two months of this Sunday school year, as follows:

Scott leads in number churches reporting awards, with 30. Winston comes second, with 18; Simpson third with 17.

Scott also leads in total number of awards with 470. Simpson is second with 366, and Hinds third with 339.

Pascagoula First leads in total number of awards for single church with 227. McComb First is second with 186, and Parkway Jackson, third with 137.

Our heartiest congratulations to all those from these associations and churches in this excellent start in the new year in the important matter of training their leaders for greater efficiency!

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. BOYD

50 Years Ago

Rev. A. L. O'Brian accepts the pastorate of the Steen's Creek Church (Florence) entering upon the work on January 1.

On a recent Sunday the Hazlehurst Church contributed \$100 to apply on the debt of the house of worship of the First Church, Jackson; and also \$140 for the Orphanage.

40 Years Ago

In response to an appeal from Dr. Potts of Memphis, the Greenwood Church gave \$15,000 to the Tri-State Baptist Hospital, and generous friends of the town increased the amount to \$20,223.

Dr. M. O. Patterson resigns the pastorate of the Second Baptist (Calvary) Church of Jackson, and the church calls Rev. H. M. King of Macon.

25 Years Ago

Pastor Bryan Simmons announces that the Bethel, (Black Jack) Baptist Church, Yazoo County, a once-a-month church, has adopted a budget of \$850, to be "divided equally between local and denominational work, including the Baptist Record" for 1911.

The Flora church is just completing a \$15,000, three-story Sunday School annex, adequate for all their educational needs.

The Coldwater Church, Neshoba County, was organized on November 29, 1925, with 22 charter members, in the center of a consolidated school district. Rev. R. L. Breland was elected as the first pastor.

Fire Destroys Sand Hill As Construction Nears Completion

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Sand Hill Church building in Jones County about 6 p. m. on December 13.

Lost in the fire was the annex which was near completion; it consisted of six Sunday School rooms and a study. Material for its completion was on hand and was also lost in the flames. The piano was also burned, as were all of the pews, some of which were recently purchased second-hand for \$120.

There was no debt on the building. Neither was there any insurance to help bear the loss.

Churches in the Jones County Association have each set a day for a special offering to help this neighboring church. Others who wish to have a part may send contributions to Mr. Charles W. Walters, Laurel, treasurer of Jones County Association. Rev. J. D. Lundy is the pastor.

The church had completed the greatest associational year in its history. Gifts last year were \$6,000, as compared with \$1,000 the preceding year. The Co-operative Program received \$182, an increase from \$8 the previous year. The church membership almost doubled with 83 additions, 47 by baptism.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG, Clinton
Called and Accepted:

J. W. Brewer, Independence, Mo., from Bagwell.

Robert A. Bowen, Westside, Thomasville, Ga.

E. Allen Burnette, First, Crystal River, Fla., from LaBelle.

C. E. Couch, First, Florence, Arizona, from Plainview, Texas.

Noah Benningfield, Simpsonville, Ky., from Mt. Washington.

J. A. Duren, Stockbridge, Ga., from Quitman, Ga.

R. G. Hartman, Loganville, Ga.

A. Thad Persons, Chase Memorial, Columbus, Ga., from Talbotton.

Gordon Griffin, Point Clear, Ala.

William S. Garmon, Bethany, Andalusia, Ala.

William J. Yeaman, Jr., First, Pendleton, S. C.

Broadus E. Wall, First, Waynesville, N. C., from Chester, S. C.

Willis Bennett, Olive Chapel, N. C., from Richmond, Ky.

Holt Sodeman, First, Fittstown, Okla., from Ada.

V. P. Locke, Calvary, Raleigh, N. C.

Fred Tarpley, Island Home Church, Knoxville, Tenn., from Barbourville.

William Carey Skinner, Second, Clarks-ville, Tenn.

W. H. Oakley, Paradise Church, New Orleans, Assoc.

Don Minton, Grand Isle, La., from Mandeville.

Ted M. Jones, Brandon, Tampa, Fla., from Semmes Ch., Mobile, Ala.

S. F. Beard, Pomona Park, Fla.

R. E. Mitchell, New Hope Church, Bogalusa, La.

Serves At Forty-First Avenue



MISS ETHEL McKEITHEN

Shown above is Miss Ethel McKeithen, educational director at Forty-First Avenue Church, Meridian. Prior to coming to Meridian, Miss McKeithen served in the same capacity with the First Church of Winnfield, Louisiana. Before that time she was educational director at Southside Church, Meridian.

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East Louisville Has Christmas Program

Members of the East Louisville Church presented "A Candle Lighting Service," by Margaret Van Dykes Nevius, on December 24.

The spirits of Faith, Love, Hope, Joy, Peace, and Truth were characterized by Misses Ethel Watson, Betty Dale Gregory, Louise Bishop, Bobby Nell Pearson, Rita Cockrell, Mary Evelyn Pope; each was robed in the color corresponding to his title and a candle of similar hue was carried. Music was furnished by the choir and special numbers were by Mrs. Ora Shelton and Messrs. Johnson and McNeil. Prophecy of Christ's birth was read from the Old Testament and the fulfillment of the prophecy was read from the New Testament.

The playlet was climaxed when the apostles, with their candles held high, led the congregation out of the church, symbolizing the light of Christ going out into the darkness of the world to brighten the pathway of mankind.

Rev. J. M. Bond is the East Louisville pastor.

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THE MANY FRIENDS OF REV. C. H. Frye, who was pastor of the Ashland Church for 7 years, will be interested to know that he has recently been called as pastor of the Springfield Church in Panama City, Florida.

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Training Union's Part in the Evangelistic Crusade:

- I. Before and during the Revivals
 1. Help with the Religious Census in February
 2. Train Personal Workers in the Soul-Winning Study Courses for All Church members early in March.
 - (1) Post the Soul-Winning poster sent to all pastors
 - (2) The new books—

Junior: Jesus Saves, Hattie Bell Allen

Intermediate: Intermediate Fishers, Frank E. Burkhalter

Young People and Adults: Every Christian's Job, C. E. Matthews

- (3) The Modern Method, visitation of lost people during week of study

3. Youth Rally Sponsored by Training Union on Saturday Night, March 17

4. Calendar and Lesson Emphasis Excellent Preparation for Revival

5. Participation in Revivals, March 25-April 8

6. High Attendance Day in Training Union, April 8

II. Following The Revival—Conservation

1. Teach the new book, Your Life and Your Church, to All Church Members. Not a Credit Course.

(1) Class of mixed ages taught by pastor

(2) Conduct at Training Union hour for five Sunday nights

(3) Enroll class members in Training Union opening session, and get their record each Sunday

(4) Assign them to departments and unions at closing session of class

(5) Have additional classes as needed

(6) Price of book 35c. Church should provide copies for all new church members. Free copies to be sent to pastors.

2. Promote a Doctrine Week in every church soon after the Revivals

Teach the Graded Doctrinal and Church Membership Books.

3. Promote Organization of New Training Unions in churches that do not have them

- (1) Use tract, How to Organize a New Training Union, in Association series

(2) Use tracts, After the Revival, What? and Light the Church Houses

(3) Use the filmstrip, "Choose Ye This Day"

4. Promote Bible Reading and Prayer Meeting Attendance Crusades.

Contest Materials are Ready

The mimeograph sheets giving instructions for all the contests sponsored by the Training Union are ready for you. Just drop us a card for what you want and we will be glad to send them. Already a large number has been requested. Every church should use them. Have a church elimination by May first. Have an Associational elimination in May, and have your association represented in each contest at the District Convention in June.

What to do the Second Quarter
April—Observe Youth Week. Begin NOW to plan it.

May—Observe Christian Home Week. Let every family cooperate.

June—Be represented at the District Training Union Convention.

We Will Have an Assembly this Summer

Yes, the Training Union Department will conduct an assembly at Camp Garaywa (pronounced—Gay Ray Way) the first two weeks of July. The program for each week will be the same, so pick the week you and your family will attend. Full details will be announced later, but RING those dates NOW.

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T. H. Maxwell Ordained At Ruth

On December 17, T. H. Maxwell was ordained by the Ruth Church to the full ministry of the gospel. The presbytery was composed of: Rev. C. R. Meredith, moderator; Pastor R. C. Johnson, Nerk; Rev. V. J. Moss, Rev. J. W. Flowers, Rev. J. E. Moak, Jr., Rev. N. F. Greer, Rev. Edwin Burns, Dr. Maurice Anderson and Dr. J. A. Taylor. Deacons assisting in the service were: L. E. Brister, James F. Bullock, Chester Wallace, B. F. Flanagan, C. C. Clark, D. S. Moak, C. W. Reeves, S. B. Mason, Sr., W. C. Cole, T. J. Maxwell, Fred Brister.

The ordination sermon was preached by Mr. Meredith and the charge was given by Mr. Greer. Pastor Johnson presented the Bible.

Mr. Maxwell has been called as pastor of the Providence Church in Lawrence County.

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Holly Church Progresses

The R. B. Patterson, Alcorn County Associational Missionary reports that the Holly Church has made several progressive steps during the past few months.

The church has paid off its debt on the church pews. Land has been transferred so that all property belonging to the church is now on the same side of the road.

It has been voted to erect a pastorium. Plans have been made for its construction, and funds are now being raised. Work is to begin in the near future.

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RIVER AVENUE PROMOTES STOREHOUSE FOR NEEDY

The River Avenue Storehouse for the Needy is a project started last January by Rev. Garland McInnis.

Located in a tool house on the lawn of the River Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, the storehouse has aided approximately 2,553 persons during the year. Items distributed include clothing for men, women and children, one wheel chair, one pair of bedrails, ten gas stoves, one refrigerator, five ice boxes, two gas heaters, one radio, two studio couches, three baby strollers, one bassinet, three mattresses, four bedsteads and springs, one water cooler, wood, fruit, candies, toys, and \$602 cash. Money is used for medicine, food and emergency items.

Mr. McInnis states, "People in Forrest County, and especially in Hattiesburg, have been very fine in cooperating with this project. It is a free will proposition throughout."

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Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO

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Source Book—"Christ for our Cities", by John Caylor.

(Helps for teachers)

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 8—Leadership Conference, District 12, Richton; A. L. McGaugh, Clarke College faculty.

January 9—Leadership Conference, District 13, First, Gulfport; W. M. Bell, Leake County Training Union Director.

January 10—Leadership Conference, District 14, First Columbia; Miss Lucille Walker, Wayne Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

January 11—Leadership Conference, District 15, Friendship, McComb; Miss Alene Johnson, office secretary, Training Union Department.

January 12—Leadership Conference, District 1, Van Winkle, Jackson; Dr. A. H. Germany, Mississippi College faculty.

January 13—Mrs. Jack Peeples, Leflore Associational WMU Young People's leader; Mrs. Watts Webb, Rankin Associational WMU Superintendent.

January 14—Rev. W. L. Meadows, Clarke County Convention Board member.

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New Church, New Secretary



MRS. BEN SELLERS, JR.

The Robinson Street Church, organized December 3, 1950, has elected Mrs. Ben Sellers, Jr., as Church Secretary.

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Howard Ordained At Calhoun City, First Two Ordained As Deacons

Rev. Fred D. Howard was ordained to the full ministry of the gospel by the First Church, Calhoun City, on December 17, and two were ordained as deacons: Lee H. Thompson and Clyde C. Parker.

Rev. John B. Laney, Calhoun County missionary, led the questioning, with Rev. Jessie L. Morgan, pastor at Big Creek and Pittsboro, giving the charge to the candidates. Rev. R. B. Hicks, Calhoun City, gave the charge the church and Rev. Clarence Cutrell, Calhoun City, preached the ordination sermon.

The new deacons are both graduates of Mississippi State. Mr. Thompson is director of the Training Union and Mr. Parker is general secretary of the Sunday School.

Mr. Howard is serving as pastor of the Ebenezer Church in Holmes County. He is a student at Mississippi College and is a graduate of Wood Junior College.

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REV. WILLIAM POE, PASTOR OF the Bethel Church, St. Louis, Missouri, has resigned his church effective March 4, 1951, to enter into full-time evangelism. A native of Forrest, Miss., Mr. Poe is a college and seminary graduate and has served Bethel Church as pastor for the past three and one half years. During the past year, there have been more than 200 additions.

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What's Happening In Japan?

Dr. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, returned early in December from a trip to the Orient. He visited Honolulu, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippine Islands, and Bangkok.

During three weeks spent in Japan, Dr. Rankin assisted in an evangelistic campaign along with Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the S.B.C. Executive Committee, Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and Baker James Cauthen, secretary to the Orient.

On his second evening in Japan, Dr. Rankin preached to 800 people in the auditorium of a police station. Two hundred of these professed faith in Christ. This was typical of the services held by the four evangelists.

Dr. Rankin said, "I caught a glimpse of something going on in Japan, something big and deep. I had the sensation of looking through the porthole of a ship. In this great moving stream I saw people seeking truth concerning life."

"The people of Japan are hungry for spiritual faith. They have become convinced that they were on the wrong road. They are not a defeated people, but they have faced the fact that they were wrong, that they made a mistake in leadership. Recognizing that they were on the wrong road, they have turned round. As to where they are going, no one knows. They are hungry for spiritual reality. The person who comes along with a message of truth is going to get a hearing."

There were 8,300 professions of faith counted during the crusade.

Follow-Up Is Important

"I am not sure I would dare to do what we did had there been no missionaries and national Christians to follow up what we did," said Dr. Rankin. "Too many have not yet gone far enough to come into a definite regenerating experience of grace. If they go no farther, we have cheapened Christianity in the eyes of others. There is no easy and quick way to win this world to Christ. "Tourist missionaries" are not going to save this world. We can help to garner some of the fruit that other people have brought about. There is a tremendous responsibility in calling people to conversion. To bring babies into existence and then abandon them is a serious offense—and new converts are babies."

Southern Baptists now have 72 missionaries serving in Japan, and the Foreign Mission Board is going ahead with plans to complete the appointment of 100 as rapidly as possible.

Dr. Rankin visited the meeting of the executive committee of the Japanese Baptist Convention while in Japan. The convention which was reorganized with 16 churches following the war now has 32. Japanese Baptist leaders are looking to the establishment of additional churches with immediate plans for preaching points in 20 cities.

Appointments Reach All-Time High

The Board appointed twelve new missionaries at its December meeting, bringing its total for the year to 111. This is the highest number ever to be appointed in a single year. Southern Baptists now have a total of 803 active missionaries.

Eight of the young people appointed this month will go to Latin America,

the others to Africa. Dr. Rankin said "This is no indication that we are suspending appointments to other areas of the world. We are going ahead without any change in the program in Japan with the intention of completing the appointment of 100 missionaries as rapidly as possible. Because of world conditions we are proceeding with great caution in the expansion of our work in the Philippine Islands, Siam, and Indonesia."

The Board's application for visas for three couples, who have had previous service in China, to go into India has been rejected by the Indian Government. Dr. Rankin says that at present it is not the intention of the Foreign Mission Board to pursue this plan further.

"The extent with which we can continue to advance," Dr. Rankin said, "will depend upon financial receipts in 1951. On the basis of our present income of approximately \$5,000,000 yearly, we have reached the limit of expansion."

New appointees to Latin America are: Rev. and Mrs. Tom Connolly Hollingsworth, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. and Mrs. George Hiram Kollmar, Sanatorium, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Edwin Sander-son, Birmingham, Alabama; and Rev. and Mrs. Ben H. Welmaker, Livingston, Texas.

Appointees to Africa are Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Treece Bowlin, Birmingham, Alabama and Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan Bryant Durham, Union Point, Georgia.

Give Now

Southern Baptist generally do not realize what their December gifts may mean to the foreign mission enterprise. Many of our people are familiar with the fact that tremendous advance has been made during the past three years. During the current calendar year, for example, we have appointed 111 missionaries. We have entered Ecuador, Peru, and Southern Rhodesia, and we have accepted the gift of a hospital in Transjordan. If homes in which the new missionaries are to live and facilities with which they are to work are to be provided, there must be giving of unprecedented proportions.

Baptists Begin Work in Ecuador

The outstanding event of this last month in Latin America was the conducting of the first Baptist service in the capital city of Quito, Ecuador, an ancient city located almost on the equator and now credited with 150,000 inhabitants.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Gordon Crocker and Rev. and Mrs. William M. Haverfield, our first missionaries to that republic, arrived in Quito, September 19, 1950, and together with the national worker, Sr. Vasquez, soon found a building that was ideal for the beginning of their work. After the building had been renovated and adequately equipped, the opening date was publicized throughout the city.

This first Baptist service in Ecuador was held on November 2. Mr. Crocker writes: "We were happily surprised with the number of people that were there. Of course, many were there from the other evangelical churches including several missionaries, but there were several there who no doubt had never been in an evangelical service before. We didn't count the people, but there were approximately 250 in all. Sr. Vasquez brought a wonderful message and at the

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L. I. JONES

Shown above is L. I. Jones, Director, Agricultural Extension Service, State College, who was elected at our recent State Brotherhood Convention as Vice-President. We count it a great honor and privilege to be able to work with such an outstanding Christian layman.

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North Central Pastors Meet Jan. 8

The North Central Mississippi Pastor's Conference will have its January meeting on January 8 at Mathiston. Beginning at 10 o'clock, the morning session includes a devotional by Gwin Middleton, reports, sermon outlines and a problem period. Dr. Wilburn Smith, of Starkville, will deliver the sermon.

Following lunch, N. H. Pullen will lead in a devotional study and J. F. Stafford and C. H. Farnsworth will lead in studies of John 5-6 and John 7-8, respectively.

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Phil Walker Resigns Assoc. Mission Work

Rev. Phil Walker has resigned as associational missionary of Warren County in order to accept work with Clarke Memorial College.

The Missions Committee of the Warren Association have drawn up resolutions commending the work which he has done and pledging their prayers for continued and effective service in his new field of labor.

The resolutions are signed by Rev. O. L. Chambers and J. E. Blackburn.

close of the service one person held up his hand indicating that he wanted to know Christ as his Saviour. He along with two others stayed quite a while after the services and talked with the pastor."

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES AND LAYMEN'S RALLIES JANUARY 8 - 26

Dr. Chester L. Quarles has called upon the men of our state for a big order. He is planning for fifteen Leadership Conferences and Laymen's Rallies, January 8-26. (See his column for schedule).

The Laymen's Rallies are being held in the evening at 7:30. Attend the Conference in the daytime if you can—but DO NOT MISS the Laymen's Rally. This is especially for laymen. It was planned for the evening to make it possible for all laymen to be present. An excellent program has been arranged.

Calhoun City Notes Growth During 1950

The First Church, Calhoun City, has made much progress under the leadership of Rev. Clarence Cutrell, pastor.

According to a recent church bulletin, during 1950 there were 100 additions to the church, 24 by baptism. Gifts to all causes totaled more than \$20,000, with \$8,000 for missions and benevolences. There were 10 volunteers for special service, three for the ministry and one was licensed and ordained.

The Sunday School has grown from 338 to 557, with a new record attendance of 387. Two new departments and seven new classes were organized. The Training Union organized three new unions, and set a new record attendance of 174. The enrolment grew from 93 to 159.

The pastorium has been remodeled, a pastor's study built, a Grand Piano purchased, recreational equipment provided and concrete walks laid.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a nice list of subscriptions from Smithville Church. The list was sent by Miss Laverne Wright, the secretary, Rev. L. C. Riley is the pastor.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

BIG SPRINGS GET ASSISTANT PASTOR

One of the most recent churches to join the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record is Big Springs Church in Yalobusha County.

Rev. W. C. Howard, who serves this church in connection with his pastorate at Water Valley, wanted the help of the Baptist Record in ministering to his membership. The Baptist Record makes a good assistant pastor for any church, going into every home of the church every week and informing the people about what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

Record readers in Yalobusha County are now listed as follows: BIG SPRINGS, 14; CAMP GROUND, 40; COFFEEVILLE, 67; DIVIDING RIDGE, 25; Elam, 1; NEW HOPE, 27; OAKLAND, 21; O'TUCKOLOFA, 21; Scobey, 7; Sylvarena, 10; TILLATOBA, 30; WATER VALLEY, 121; Wayside, 3.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS

While Pastor M. D. Horton was away preaching the dedicatory sermon at the West Kemper Church, his home church, we had the privilege of supplying at the morning service at Crystal Springs. Even though the day was rainy, the house was full. There were 635 in Sunday School, an increase of nine over the previous Sunday, which shows that it pays to have a supply once in a while.

The people are proud, and justly so, of their new educational building. It was paid for when occupied.

The people are now working on a building fund in order to erect a new and larger auditorium. The plan is to use the present auditorium for an additional educational building.

Record readers in Copiah county are now listed as follows:

ANTIOCH, 17; BETHEL, 65; CARPENTER, 1; COUNTY LINE, 85; CRYSTAL SPRINGS, 404; DAMASCUS, 42; GALILEE, 26; GALLMAN, 29; Gatesville, 1; GEORGETOWN, 73; Harmony, 7; HAZLEHURST, 178; HOPEWELL, 45; Mission Hill, 1; NEW PROVIDENCE, 21; New Zion, 1; PEARL VALLEY, 30; PILGRIMS REST, 54; Pine Bluff, 3; PLEASANT HILL, 36; ROCKPORT, 8; POPLAR SPRINGS, 31; SARDIS, 37; SHADY GROVE, 47; SMYRNA, 26; SPRING HILL, 60; SYLVARENA, 40; WESSON, 101; ZION HILL, 45.

DALEVILLE IS NUMBER 987

The Daleville Church in Lauderdale County has joined the list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record. Rev. O. L. Ballard of Meridian serves as pastor of this church. Recently he sent a list of the resident families, with instructions to send the Record.

From now on the members of this good church will know more about what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

Record readers in Lauderdale County are now listed as follows: ARKADAPHIA, 31; CENTER GROVE, 28; BETHANY, 36; CARMEL, 27; CAUSEYVILLE, 54; COLLINSVILLE, 15; DALEVILLE, 18; FELLOWSHIP, 30; GOODWATER, 15; HEBRON, 69; HICKORY GROVE, 37; KEWANEE, 33; Lauderdale, 13; LIBERTY, 17; MACEDONIA, 38; MARION, 34; Meehan, 11; MERIDIAN, FIRST,

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 31, 1950

Eastside, (Rankin County)	135	60
Pascagoula, First	713	263
Main School	504	183
Eastlawn Mission	49	31
Unity Mission	59	49
McArthur Mission	23	
Jackson Ave. Mission	36	
Orange Grove Mission	42	
Springfield (Scott County)	72	
Jackson, Calvary	1,094	316
Calvary Mission	10	23
Jackson, Northside	406	135
East Fork (Amite County)	105	46
Gulfport, First	583	189
Jackson, Van Winkle	348	206
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	83	38
Bruce	291	116
Crystal Springs, First	558	175
Lucedale	261	150
West Laurel	415	146
Brookhaven, First	828	401
Main School	628	208
Hamilton St. Chapel	90	67
Central Chapel	100	126
Laurel, First	519	123
Greenwood (Pike County)	53	48
Jackson, First	1,015	354
Broadmoor Chapel	95	45

December 24, 1950

Fair River (Lincoln County)	110	66
Bunker Hill (Marion County)	370	182
Laurel, First	443	177
West Laurel	448	117
McComb, Locust Street	57	
Gulfport, First	626	162
Kosciusko, First	574	159
Lucedale	259	115
Calhoun City, First	243	84
Crystal Springs	741	252
Union (Alcorn County)	28	76
Pascagoula, First	808	262
Main School	628	160
Eastlawn Mission	40	53
Unity Mission	66	49
McArthur Mission	19	
Jackson Ave. Mission	26	
Orange Grove Mission	29	

December 17, 1950

Lucedale	296	140
Laurel, Highland	90	48
West Laurel	419	116
Union Chapel (Chickasaw County)	56	60
New Prospect (Lincoln County)	147	113
Bethlehem (Scott County)	160	97
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	92	40
Carson	113	83
Union (Alcorn County)	100	39
Corinth, Tate Street	283	101
Zion (Pontotoc County)	123	78
East Louisville	100	68
Sand Hill (Jones County)	109	79
Friendship (Lincoln County)	81	68
Ingomar (Union County)	134	100
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	79	46
Locust Street	35	

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Offering January 28

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Clarke County Association. The minutes are attractive and are well prepared. Rev. D. L. Stennis is the moderator and Rev. W. Harold Anderson is the clerk. The next meeting will be held at Enterprise.

406; MERIDIAN, 8TH AVENUE, 154; MERIDIAN, 15TH AVENUE, 268; MERIDIAN, 41ST AVENUE, 301; MERIDIAN, HIGHLAND, 148; MERIDIAN, OAKLAND HEIGHTS, 99; MERIDIAN, POPLAR SPRINGS, 189; Meridian, Southside, 76; KEY FIELD MISSION, 55; MIDWAY, 72; MT. GILEAD, 32; Mt. Nebo, 10; NEW HOPE, 37; NEW ZION, 16; Oak Grove, 3; PINE GROVE, 61; Providence, 3; RUSSELL, 44; SALEM, 21; TOOMSUBA, 30; Union, 1.

BILLY ROBY ORDAINED Serves Farmhaven, Edinburg



REV. BILLY ROBY

Impressive services marked the ordination of Billy Roby Sunday night, December 31, at First Church, Canton.

Dr. J. L. Boyd brought the recommendation of the ordination council, composed of Dr. L. Bracey Campbell, Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy, Rev. C. O. Estes, D. J. L. Boyd, Rev. W. S. Landrum. The sermon was delivered by Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor of First Church.

The ordination prayer was led by Dr. J. L. Boyd and after the laying on of hands, a Bible was presented on behalf of the Church by Rev. R. E. Larson, pastor of the Northside Mission of First Church.

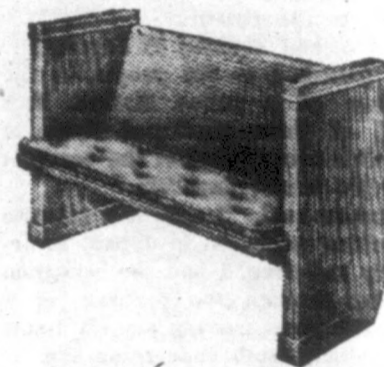
The charge was given by Rev. W. S. Landrum, and the entire congregation

joined in the right hand of fellowship after Mr. Roby had pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Roby is serving as pastor of Farmhaven and Edinburg churches and is a student in Mississippi College.

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J. N. BARNETT OF THE BAPTIST Sunday School Board recently said that one out of three of the lost people enrolled in Sunday Schools of Baptist Churches are won to Christ; whereas, these same churches win only one out of 240 lost people not in Sunday School. This is a mighty strong argument in favor of bringing lost people to Sunday School.



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JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY.
Mark 11:20; Isaiah 42:1-9.

I. "THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST"

It began with the preaching of a country preacher, country born and country bred. His importance cannot be overlooked. If you would understand anything, go back to its origin and examine its genesis. Here God is beginning something new, and He does His work among men through men chosen by Him because of a peculiar fitness in each for the work He wants done. God needed a herald to proclaim the coming of the Christ, and God had prepared Himself that man in the person of John the Baptist. What sort of man was he?

Into what sort of man had God fashioned this baby John, born some three decades before. Out of the loins of a Godly father and the body of a devout mother, into the sort of home this pair of good people would make, little John had been born. Out in the hill country of Judea (Our southern mountaineers would have called little John a hillbilly) John was born and grew up. The rugged strength of the hills was in his body, the voice of the mountain winds and the tempest's thunder was his, the frankness of star-shine, of moonlight, of sun-flood, the freedom of God's out-of-doors, freedom from want and fawning and hypocrisy, freedom unto the will of God. Of this man our Lord said that no one born of woman had been greater than this fearless preacher of righteousness.

He came down out of the hills to the river-side and standing, opened his mouth and proclaimed the coming of the Messiah. The people heard and thronged to him, attracted by his message and his manner and his appearance, all of which went into the make-up of his message, its authoritative, compelling quality. The Messiah was about to be made manifest. "Get ye ready; turn ye, repent ye, and when ye have, learn to do the sorts of things repentant people do. Ye soldiers will find in the pursuit of your profession constant opportunity for doing what you ought, ye publicans will find as ever-present chance to do right in your work as the soldiers find in theirs". Ye merchants, ye farmers, ye lawyers, ye teachers, ye preachers—all ye of a thousand various callings—find ye in the doing of your daily business the Godly way of doing that business. Not the peculiar work makes it right in the sight of God, but the spirit in which the work is done, the attitude toward God of the doer of the work.

II. A CHANGED PROFESSION

"Jesus came preaching". He had been the village carpenter before He came preaching, and He performed His tasks as the village carpenter with the same diligence and devotion to God that characterized His preaching and teaching. As a carpenter, He had abundant opportunity for meditation on the ways and words and works of God, for communion with the Eternal, for the practice of an attitude of yieldedness to the Divine will. And all the years spent in these exercises were fundamentally important. And that is the reason God kept Him for years in the quiet village and busy in the quiet purposefulness of humble tasks.

Our Lord finished the work His Father gave Him in Nazareth and, once for all, laid his carpenter's tools aside. A strange man had appeared on the banks of the Jordan some sixty miles away and multitudes of people were crowding down to hear him. Along with them to-

Greenville Deacons Contribute to Clarke



W. E. KING FRANK FALGOUT
Shown above are W. E. King and Frank Falgout, deacons in Second Church, Greenville, who have given valuable refrigeration equipment to Clarke College.

This gift will not only provide the school with the facilities to keep perishable food but will make it possible for some preacher boy to go to school. The value of the equipment is \$500.

Rev. M. E. Perry is the pastor of this fast growing church.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Tallahatchie County Association. Rev. Charles Magee is the moderator and J. A. Ousley is the clerk. The minutes are well prepared and the printers did a good job. The next meeting is to be at Tutwiler.

ward the last went Jesus to be baptized by John.

When you shall hear someone discount speak lightly of the importance and form of baptism, remind yourself that your Lord thought enough of it to walk sixty miles to submit Himself to it in God's appointed form—He was baptized in the Jordan. And do not forget that it is written that John objected at first to administering baptism to Jesus, but that He insisted that John should baptize Him in the fulfillment of all righteousness. So baptism, no imitation of it, no substitution for it, is right.

Of course Jesus had no sin of His own to confess, no declaration to make to the fact that He was turning from a former sinful life to one of devotion to God, but He had taken upon Himself a human form and human nature, and in His baptism, He completely identified Himself with man.

As He came up out of the water at baptism, the Holy Spirit descended and lighted upon Him, and the Voice out of heaven identified Him as Son of God. From that August scene, He went to be tempted. He must meet in single combat the enemy of the race. This He did in His temptation; and whereas the first Adam met defeat at the hands of the devil, the last Adam, fighting in man's place, worsted the devil and won for man.

John was cast into prison by Herod the tetrarch (ruler) of Galilee. He was son of the Herod who slaughtered the boy-babies of Bethlehem shortly after the birth of our Lord. As soon as John was thrown into prison, Jesus moved into Galilee, into the jurisdiction of Herod, and began to preach the gospel. God's prescription for wickedness is to fight it. Jesus preached the gospel. The gospel is the good news that a Savior has come, that the Lord is here, that the kingdom of God is among men and accessible to them, that men need no longer be restrained from the right and constrained unto the wrong by the devil, but may now call the power of God to aid them in breaking the bonds of sin and gaining access to God.

Let Us Endow Our Institutions

By **HARRY L. SPENCER**
Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptist Foundation

In a recent associational meeting I was asked the question, "Just what is endowment?" In a flash I gave the answer, "It is money that you cannot spend." Endowment is only invested and the income goes to pay the running expenses of the institution to which it belongs.

A look at the over-all picture of our endowment setup shows in the audits of the year just closed a total of \$1,886,600.12 analyzed as follows:

Mississippi College	\$964,288.25
Blue Mountain College	513,733.15
Woman's College	326,147.84
Clarke Memorial College ..	4,962.29
Baptist Hospital	5,000.00
Baptist Foundation (undesignated) ...	72,468.59

These endowment funds earned last year for the several institutions \$75,000 to \$80,000.

A casual look at this picture reveals the fact that two of our institutions are in distress with reference to their endowment. The minimum requirement of the accrediting agency for a junior college is \$250,000, and you see that Clarke College has only about \$5,000. The minimum requirement for a four-year accredited college is \$500,000, and you see immediately that Woman's College needs at least \$175,000.

If we take care of these institutions as we should we must start doing something. For example, if every Mississippi Baptist in 1951 would give \$1.50 each, that would amount to about \$550,000.

The Trustees of Mississippi Baptist Foundation in their meeting on Decem-

ber 11 in the Baptist Building, Jackson, spent considerable time discussing the idea of a long range unified program to really provide our Mississippi Baptist institutions with the endowment they need and suggested that an enthusiastic effort be made to get such a program organized and on its way.

We need to realize that some of the best mission money we spend is that which we invest in our Christian schools. They are the hope of our churches for trained leadership and of our mission boards for trained missionaries to send out to the ends of the earth. They are one of the sources of security for our nation and for civilization. They are one of the main bulwarks against Communism.

By all means, let us rise up and provide these great institutions with their needed endowment. Put something in the budget of your church for endowment or plan some time during the year to have an offering for endowment. Put something in your will for the endowment of our Baptist schools.

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PIKE BAPTISTS TO MEET SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

The Pike County Committee for the promotion of the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, March 21-April 8, will meet at the Central Church, McComb, Sunday, January 7, at 2:30.

Conferences will be led by the county chairman for the several committees including radio, finance, publicity, prayer, fellowship, special meetings, colportage.

At the meeting Rev. Robert Girling will bring the devotional, and Dr. H. L. Spencer will bring the inspirational message, with Rev. Troy Prince as alternate.

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No. E-3—Sunday School Attendance Chain—Black printing on gummed yellow strip, banded in lots of 500. (*) Five hundred, 80 cents; thousand, \$1.50.

No. E-2—Revival Postcard—Bible design, to be overprinted locally with details of the revival. (*) Hundred, 50 cents; five hundred, \$2.25; thousand, \$4.00.

NLRB Directs Board To Conduct Election

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— An election to determine whether the shipping, maintenance and multigraph departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be unionized will be held in the chapel of the Board, January 8 at 3 p. m. One hundred twenty five employees are affected.

The election is being held at the direction of the National Labor Relations Board as a result of a three to two decision of the NLRB that the law did not exempt religious institutions and that the Board was engaged in interstate commerce. The minority report pointed out that other similar laws did exempt religious institutions by name and that this was the spirit of the law here.

The movement to force unions into the BSSB was started last July by the International Printing and Pressmen and Assistants Union of North America, an affiliate of the AFL.

Late in the fall the organizers were able to obtain enough signatures to bring the matter before the NLRB for review.

The efforts of the union to organize these departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board has been generally resisted in Nashville on the grounds that neither the NLRB or any other governmental agency has the constitutional right to direct affairs of a religious body. The feeling is that the order of the NLRB is a direct act against the separation of church and state, traditionally held to by the American people.

(Editor's Note: Slowly the separation of church and state is being broken down.)

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Committee To Select Seminary President Reports Progress

The committee charged by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with the responsibility of securing a successor to Dr. Ellis A. Fuller has had two meetings. This committee is composed of J. Clyde Turner of Raleigh, North Carolina; Dr. H. I. Hester of Liberty, Missouri; Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dallas; Dr. M. J. Berquist, Tampa, Florida; Dr. Harwell G. Davis, Birmingham; Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville; Dr. Wade Bryant, Roanoke, Virginia, and Norman Shands of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

According to Dr. Hester, chairman, the committee had a preliminary meeting in Louisville, Kentucky on November 24. A second meeting was held in Nashville, Tennessee December 15. The meeting in Nashville was fully attended and was devoted to the most prayerful and serious consideration of this important matter. Real progress was made but the committee has reached no definite conclusions. Dr. Hester said, "The members feel that the affairs of the Seminary under the direction of the acting President, Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, are being so effectively administered as to preclude the necessity of hasty action. In view of the serious responsibility placed upon us we covet the sincere prayers of all the friends of the Seminary."

Eastside, Jackson To Have Special Services Jan. 5-7

Eastside Church, Jackson, will have special services January 5-7. Dr. A. S. Gillespie, head of the Department of Missions of the New Orleans Seminary, and Dr. W. M. Moore, Seminary physician, will be the speakers.

Dr. Moore, recently ordained minister, will speak briefly before Dr. Gillespie speaks each evening. Dr. Moore has his M.D. Degree from the Oklahoma University and served his internship in St. Louis and New Orleans. He surrendered to preach in February, 1950 and has completed two years toward the B. D. Degree. He expects to leave for Brazil next year as a foreign missionary. Dr. Moore will give his testimony in full Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Dr. Gillespie has been a missionary to China for nineteen years and spent several months in concentration camps during World War II.

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Binkley Reconsiders, Declines Wake Forest

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—(BP)—Dr. Olin T. Binkley yesterday turned down his appointment as president of the New Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

In a telegram to Dr. Casper C. Warren of Charlotte, chairman of the seminary board of trustees, Dr. Binkley said:

"I have reconsidered and declined the presidency of the Southeastern Baptist Seminary. Crucial factors in the final decision were a lack of physical fitness for the administrative task and a clarified conviction that I should continue my work as a teacher at Louisville."

Dr. Binkley, who is a faculty member at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., accepted the presidency December 7. He had been recommended for the post by a Southern Baptist Convention Committee.

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Morris Completes 40 Years In Ministry

Sunday, December 17 marked 40 years in the ministry for Rev. R. A. Morris, pastor of the Newton Church. On this date, forty years ago Mr. Morris was ordained to the ministry and preached his first sermon. Sunday evening his congregation was privileged to hear an inspiring message, preached from that same text.

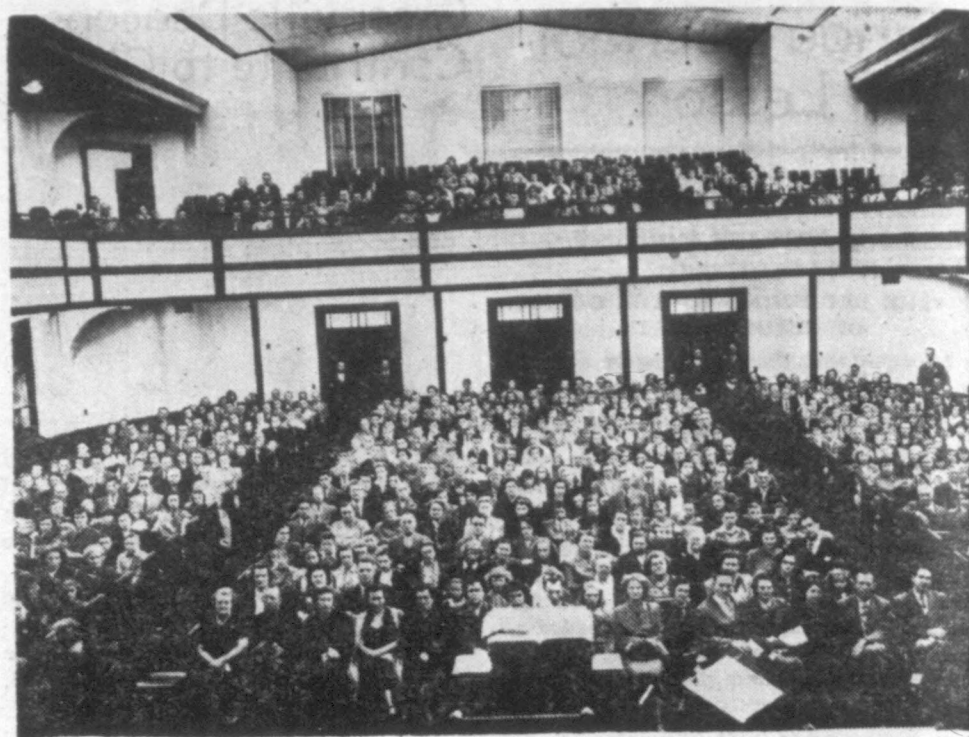
Immediately following the service, Mr. and Mrs. Morris were entertained at a surprise reception in the recreation room of the church, this lovely affair being planned not only in honor of his forty years of faithful service, but also as an expression of love and appreciation for the many fruitful years of service at Newton.

In the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Morris were: Mayor E. L. Clark, Supt. of the Sunday School, and his wife; Robert Cochran, director of the B.T.U., and his wife, and Troy Mohon.

Mrs. R. S. Majure assisted by the officers of the W.M.S. served punch and cookies.

The climax came when Vice-Chairman of the Deacons J. D. Tidwell introduced Senior Deacon W. B. Crosby, who presented a gift to both.

Mrs. Morris' gift was crystal candelabras. Brother Morris found, after unwrapping and untieing several boxes, a brick with a check tied to it. The brick was to remind him of the many, many bricks he had watched go into the new building.



Shown above in the auditorium of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, are members of the Lebanon Training Union Association who attended the recent "M" Night program. There were 608 present, representing 22 churches. Wallace E. Parham is the director. Dr. David Q. Byrd was the speaker, using the subject, "Life's Greatest Choices."

Southwest Ministers To Meet At McComb January 15

The Southwest Mississippi Baptist Ministers' Conference will meet at the First Church, McComb, Monday, January 15 at 9:30 a. m.

Rev. Troy Prince of Friendship Church will lead the conference discussion, "The Pastor and His Church." A well planned program will be given All pastors in the ten Southwest Mississippi counties are invited to attend.

This meeting was originally scheduled for the First Church, Columbia. Due to a change in plans, THE MEETING WILL NOW MEET IN McCOMB, and a later conference will be held at Columbia.

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Religion Gets Spotlight At Mid-Century Conference

Washington—(WRR)—The discussion of religion and related subjects played an important role in the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth last week in the huge National Guard Armory in the Nation's capital.

After heated discussions, the conference adopted such resolutions as favoring separation of church and state; banning religious instruction in public schools. It also recommended that Federal aid to states for educational purposes should be extended to tax-supported schools, but not to students or schools other than those supported by taxes.

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EAST LOUISVILLE CHURCH, WON second place in the parade of Winston County Christmas Floats. Entered in this parade were floats by the First Baptist Church, First Methodist, and both the Presbyterian churches. The First Baptist with a float that represented the Wise Men bringing gifts to the Christ Child took first place while East Louisville with a float representing the Shepherds guarding their sheep took second place. Many merchants co-operated and also furnished many floats. The schools of Winston County participated by each one representing Christmas in some foreign land. The streets were crowded with the largest groups ever known to be gathered at one time.

First, Winona Gives Christmas Programs

First Church, Winona, had a double-header celebration of the Christmas season with a musical program on Christmas Eve and the traditional Christmas service of candles and carols on Christmas morning.

On Christmas Eve the more than 70 voices of the choir under the direction of Mrs. C. B. Hamlett, presented the annual musicale. Mrs. Billy Box was organist and Miss Sarah Billingsley was the pianist. The cherub, angel, junior, youth and adult choirs rendered the music.

Mrs. W. D. Trewolla was in charge of the pageantry display.

On Christmas evening the traditional Christmas service of candles and carols was held. The guest organist was Miss Charlotte Ann Trewolla. Special music was rendered by the young people of the church who were at home for the holidays. Pastor C. B. Hamlett told the Christmas story and the service closed with the lighting of all the congregational candles and the singing of "Silent Night."

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